

Remarks

This Amendment is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 25, 2005. Claims 2-28 are pending in this application. Claims 2-28 have been subjected to a restriction requirement. In view of the same, Applicants elect, with traverse, to proceed with Group III, Claims 13-19. Further, Claims 2-12 and 20-28 have herein been canceled, and new Claims 29-41 have been added.

The Examiner's restriction requirement states that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct inventions:

Group I: Claims 2-9, drawn to a moveable platform assembly, classified in class 271, subclass 147;

Group II: Claims 10-12 and 28, drawn to a method of sequentially moving a plurality of stacks, classified in class 414, subclass 798.1, or class 271, subclass 158;

Group III: Claims 13-19, drawn to a mailpiece feeder assembly, classified in class 414, subclass 796.9;

Group IV: Claims 20 and 21, drawn to a method of moving a mailpiece from a stack of mailpieces, classified in class 414, subclass 797.8;

Group V: Claims 22-26, drawn to an apparatus for moving mailpieces from a stack of mailpieces to a predetermined location, classified in class 414, subclass 796.5; and

Group VI: Claim 27, drawn to a method for moving mailpieces, classified in class 414, subclass 800.

In view of the above restriction requirement, and without waiving any objections thereto, all of which are respectfully reserved, Applicants have herein elected to proceed

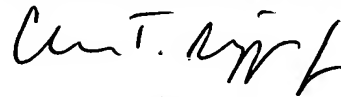
with Group III, Claims 13-19, directed to a mailpiece feeder assembly. Claims 2-12 and 20-28 have herein been canceled. New Claims 29-41 have been added. These new claims are all directed to a mailpiece feeder assembly, and combine the mailpiece feeder assembly of elected Claims 13-19 with other elements of the canceled claims. Pursuant to MPEP §806.05(c)(II), where the relationship between the claims is such that separately claimed subcombination B_{SP} (mailpiece feeder assembly embodied by elected Claims 13-19) constitutes essential features of the combinations AB_{SP} ("A" being the moveable platform assembly claims) as claimed, the inventions are examinable together. A requirement for restriction between elected subcombination claims and new combination claims would not be proper, even though the subcombinations may have separate utility. Hence, new Claims 29-41 should be examined together with elected Claims 13-19 in the present application. Entry of new Claims 29-41 and examination of Claims 13-19 and 29-41 in this application are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, including any extension of time fees necessary to make this paper timely, to Deposit Account No. 16-0657.

A postcard is enclosed evidencing receipt of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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